

Long-Term Air Transportation Study Update



**Washington State
Department of Transportation**

What the LATS Legislation Requires . . .

PHASE I	WHAT WE HAVE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪Assess existing facilities ▪Develop a baseline ▪Introduce state classifications 	Completed September 2006.
PHASE II	WHAT WE NEED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪25-year activity forecast ▪Commercial market analyses ▪Air cargo forecast ▪High speed passenger rail assessment ▪Future capacity analysis ▪Summary of system requirements. 	Currently underway; to be completed by July 2007.
PHASE III	HOW WE MEET THE NEEDS	Governor appointed planning council to provide recommendations for future airport strategies and statewide investments.	Will commence in July 2007; to be completed by July 2009.

Phase I: What Did We Learn about Existing Conditions?

1. Proposed State Classification System & Performance Objectives

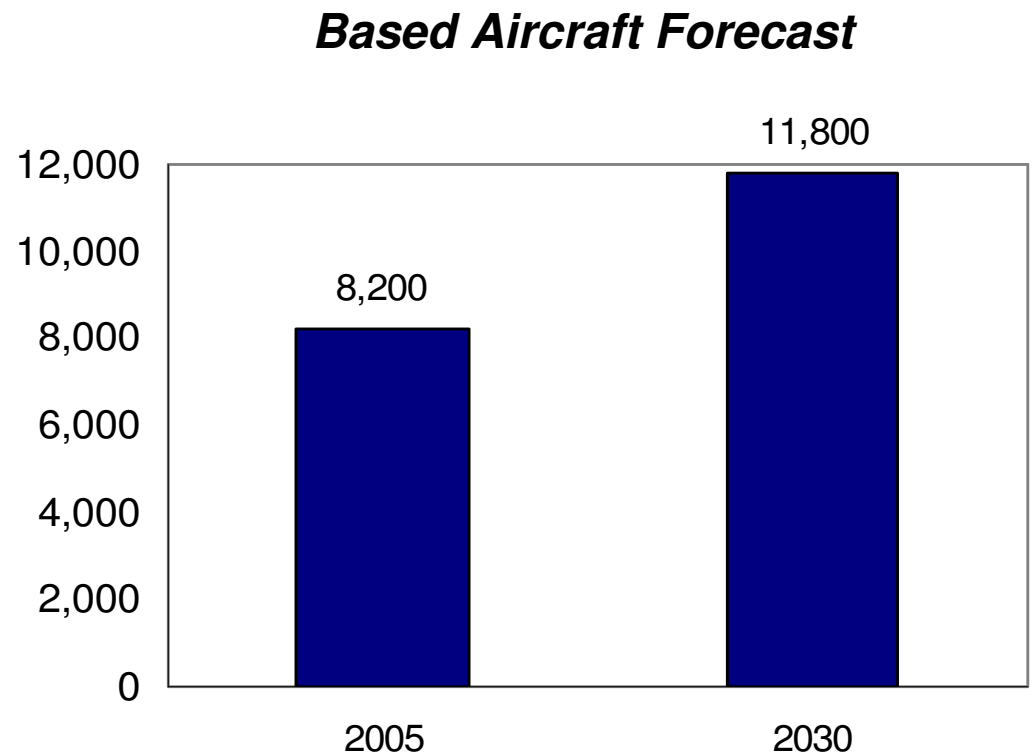
- Commercial Service
- Regional Service
- Community / Local Service
- Remote / Recreation
- Seaplane Base

2. System Capacity

- Passenger Capacity
- Air Cargo Capacity
- Aircraft Storage Capacity
- Airfield Operations Capacity

Phase II: What Are We Learning about Future Aviation Activity?

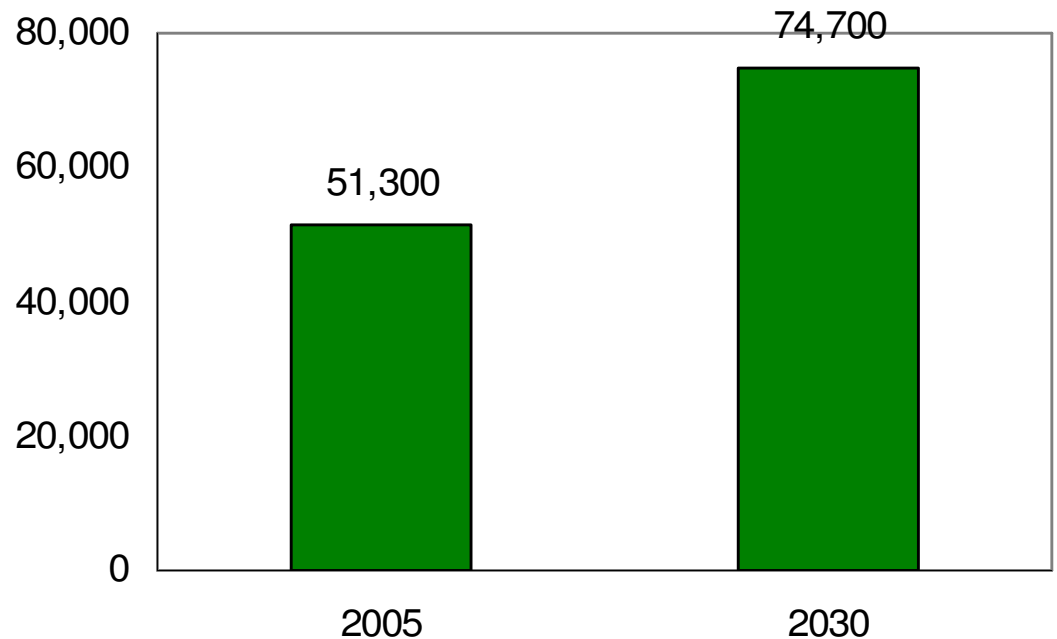
- Washington has outpaced the nation in based aircraft growth
- Fastest growth is in the jet fleet
- Overall, we expect a 44% increase in based aircraft



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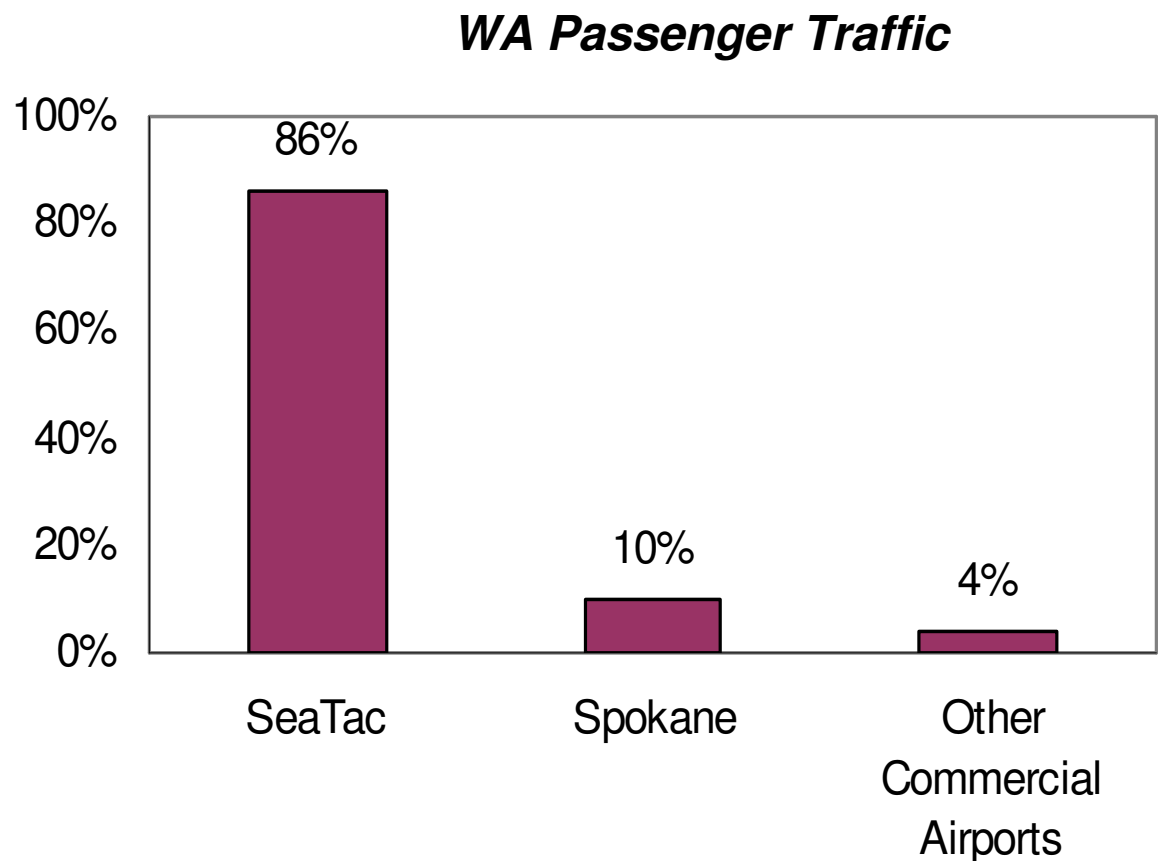
- Air Cargo activity continues to grow in Washington
- Growth in WA exceeds the national average
- UPS, FedEx and DHL will move the majority of WA's air freight

Air Cargo Operations Forecast



Phase II: What Are We Learning about Future Aviation Activity?

- Commercial capacity in WA lags behind national average
- 86% of WA's passengers are served by SeaTac
- Despite declining capacity, local demand is expected to increase significantly



What's Next for LATS?

- ➔ Assess the ability of existing facilities to meet 2030 demand.
- ➔ Identify capacity deficiencies and gaps in system service levels.
- ➔ Begin to identify strategies for meeting system needs in order to assist the Phase III Council.

What's Next for LATS?

- ✓ Regional Meetings and LATS Briefings
- ✓ Phase II Newsletter
- ✓ Workshops:
 - **Tuesday, May 1** at Museum of Flight
 - **Wednesday, May 2** at Wenatchee Convention Center
- ✓ Phase II results published in July 2007
- ✓ Phase III begins in Fall 2007

Phase III - Planning Council

*Governor will appoint the council when statewide analysis is complete.
Legislation calls for council to be comprised of the following members:*

- WSDOT Aviation Director
- Director of CTED
- Member of Transportation Commission
- Two members of general public
- FAA technical expert
- Commercial airport operator
- Member of GMA hearings board
- WAMA representative
- Airline representative

Phase III - Planning Council

Council will submit recommendations to the governor, legislature and RTPOs by **July 1, 2009**:

- How best to meet the statewide commercial and GA needs.
- Which regions of the state need airport facility and capacity improvements to meet needs before 2030.
- Placement of future commercial and GA airport facilities designed to meet the need for improved aviation planning in the region.

Candidate Selection Criteria

- Represent a broad geographical distribution of the state
- Reflect diverse interests of community, possess a strong mix of skill sets
- Commit to high level of active participation for 24 months
- Ability to credibly represent a particular interest group, but also take a “statewide system” perspective
- Act as an advocate to “spread the word” to key constituencies throughout the community

Recruitment Process for Planning Council

- Ongoing Public Communication about recruitment process
- WSDOT will issue applications and “recruitment packets” to groups identified in legislation
- WSDOT will submit recommendations to Governor for consideration
- Final appointments through Governor’s Boards and Commissions process

Proposed Timeline

▪ **April 2007**

- All materials (applications, recruitment packets, etc.) to be submitted to the Governor for approval by the second week.

▪ **May 2007**

- WSDOT begins recruitment of council members.

▪ **June 2007**

- Submit final recommendations for Governor's consideration by the end of the month.
 - Must include 2 to 4 members from each group (includes alternates).

For More Information:

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